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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/07

SPONSOR Tripp LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 895

SHORT TITLE Socorro Healthy Family Initiatives SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Geisler

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 895 would appropriate \$100,000 to the Public Health Division (PHD) of the Department of Health (DOH) for healthy families initiatives in Socorro County. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation included in this bill is not part of the Department's FY08 operating budget request.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Under the County Maternal and Child Health Plan Act (CMCH Plan Act), the DOH funds county/community-based health councils, including one in Socorro County. Funding in the FY08 agency budget request is \$2,822,708 for services related to the County Maternal and Child Health Act.

The health council recognized by the County Commission is Socorro County Options, Prevention and Education (SCOPE.). The Socorro General Hospital Healthy Families Initiative

(formerly Maternal and Child Health Program) serves as a sub-council of SCOPE, and received \$50,000 in FY 07 to provide direct services for prenatal case management, family enrichment/health classes, and other services to underserved high-risk populations. This funding, along with an additional \$71,000 (for a total of \$121,000) for coordination to SCOPE, is being administered through the DOH under the CMCH Plan Act in FY07.

Funds related to the Maternal and Child Health Plan Act and administered through DOH include funds for direct services for women of childbearing ages and their families.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

DOH notes that Socorro County consistently has a lower per capita income (\$16,206) than the State of New Mexico (\$23,081), which is already lower than the national average. About 28% of the County population lives in poverty versus 18.2% in the State. The income disparity is particularly noticeable in children, as 40% of children in the County live in poverty compared to 26.4% for the State. Additionally, Socorro County is almost twice as high as the State in TANF (Socorro = 1.3% vs. State = 0.9%) and Medicaid (Socorro = 7.2% vs. State = 3.9%) recipients (2003 Socorro County Health Profile, NM Vital Records and Health Statistics).

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